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**August 26, 2018**

**Melville United Church**

**Sunday, August 26, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.**

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\* Congregation please stand as you are able.

**Bold print invites congregational response.**

Presiding today: Rev. Ruth Cooke

**Prelude:**

**Welcome & Announcements:**

**Sharing the Light:**

**Call to Worship:**

We are summoned here by our holy God,  
**who calls each of us by name, and gathers us together in the  
unity of Jesus Christ.**

From classroom and kitchen and carpool, from forest path and  
lakeside,

**we are called into God's presence.**

Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families, soft-  
spoken and outspoken,

**we hear our names being called to join in worship.**

This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for all  
people:

**unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts.**

**Let us worship together!**

**Opening Prayer (Unison):**

**Gracious God, you have called us together to worship just as we  
are. We cannot pretend to be what we are not, for you have  
made us and know us through and through. In our weakness, we  
pray for strength; in our strength, we come with prayers of**

**thanksgiving. Open our hearts that we might pray with honesty, and await your answers with renewed faith. May our praise and our worship be unrestrained. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: Open My Eyes, That I May See**

**VU 371**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Holy God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as liberation and peace, we are a people divided against ourselves, as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbour set neighbour against neighbour, and nation against nation. We abuse your gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love. *(We reflect in silence...)***

**Words of Assurance:**

This is the Good News in Jesus Christ:  
God loves us more than we love ourselves.  
God set us free to love others.

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**Children's Song: Over My Head (I Hear Music in the Air) MV 88**

**First Reading: 1 John 4:1-6 *(The Message)***

**Don't Believe Everything You Hear**

My dear friends, don't believe everything you hear. Carefully weigh and examine what people tell you. Not everyone who talks about God comes from God. There are a lot of lying preachers loose in the world.

Here's how you test for the genuine Spirit of God. Everyone who confesses openly his faith in Jesus Christ—the Son of God, who came as an actual flesh-and-blood person—comes from God and belongs to God. And everyone who refuses to confess faith in Jesus has nothing in common with God. This is the spirit of antichrist that you heard was coming. Well, here it is, sooner than we thought!

My dear children, you come from God and belong to God. You have already won a big victory over those false teachers, for the Spirit in you is far stronger than anything in the world. These people belong to the Christ-denying world. They talk the world's language and the world eats it up. But we come from God and belong to God. Anyone who knows God understands us and listens. The person who has nothing to do with God will, of course, not listen to us. This is another test for telling the Spirit of Truth from the spirit of deception.

**Psalm:** Psalm 52

**VU 777**

**Gospel Reading:** John 14:15-17 (NRSV)

### **The Promise of the Holy Spirit**

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Meditation:** “Fake News & The Antichrist”

**\*Hymn:** Will Your Anchor Hold

**VU 675**

**Offering:**

**Offering Song:** As Long As We Follow

**MV 140**

**As long as we follow in the way that God is leading,  
We know God's reign will surely come.  
We know this, we know this.  
Yes, God's reign will surely come.**

**\*Offertory Prayer: (Unison)**

**We bring our gifts to you, God. Here is the work of our hands,  
and here is the love of our hearts. Accept them and use them,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer Prelude:** Spirit of Life

**VU 381**

**Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.**

**Prayers of the People:**

**Prayer of Jesus:**

**\*Hymn:** We Are Marching (Siyahamba)

**VU 646**

**Blessing/Sending Forth:**

**Go forth,  
for the love of God is yours to share,  
the peace of Christ is yours to extend,  
the power of the Holy Spirit is yours to offer.  
Amen!**

**\*Parting Song:** Go Now In Peace

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, within, around, above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Postlude:**

**Prayer of the week:**

God, as I go about my day, give me the patience to look for truth rather than easy answers, and to see you in everyone I meet.  
Amen.

**Partners in Prayer:** Knox Presbyterian Church

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